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Summary Information

Repository	Chicago Public Library: Vivian G. Harsh Research Collection
Title	Afro-American Genealogical and Historical Society of Chicago Records
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Abstract	The Afro-American Genealogical and Historical Society of Chicago (AAGHSC) was created to preserve and perpetuate the records of African American history and to encourage the study of African American genealogy. AAGHSC is a volunteer organization whose society members are experts in the field of African American genealogical research. AAGHSC helped family historians overcome challenges in African American ancestry research resulting from the slave trade and the African American mass migration to the North during the Reconstruction and Industrial eras. The collection is organized into eight series: “Afro-American Genealogical Historical Society of Chicago Records,” “Events,” “Genealogical Research,” “Funeral Programs,” “Audio Visual Material,” “Scrapbooks,” “Newspaper Clippings,” and “Photographs.”

Biographical/Historical note

The Afro-American Genealogical and Historical Society of Chicago (AAGHSC) was founded in 1979 by Adlean Harris and Muriel Wilson. AAGHSC's founding came at a time of increased interest in tracing African American lineages sparked by Alex Haley's 1976 book, Roots: The Saga of an American Family, and its 1977 adaptation as a television miniseries. The State of Illinois officially incorporated the Society as a non-profit organization on December 29, 1980. Although emphasis is on African-American family history and research, membership has always been open to anyone.

AAGHSC holds monthly member meetings to teach genealogical research techniques and presents an opportunity for members to share their findings. The meetings were held at the DuSable Museum of African American History until 1990 when they moved to a larger space at the Atlas Senior Citizen's Center at 1767 East 79th Street in the Grand Crossing neighborhood.

Members participated in focused research groups that meet separately from the greater organization and occasionally present their findings at general meetings. Many of these groups compile bibliographies of genealogical resources in specific states. Another group worked on the Black Churches Project, which cataloged records of black churches established prior to 1930. AAGHSC also maintains a surname registry, largely compiled through research at Blue Island's Lincoln Cemetery just outside of Chicago, which is largely African American and later published a book, An Index of Headstones in Lincoln Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois/Alabama Study Group of the Afro-American Genealogical and Historical Society of Chicago, based on their research.

In addition, to the focus on research, the Society is associated with several publications. In the early 1980s, AAGHSC began publishing a nationally circulated quarterly newsletter, the AAGHSC Newsletter. In 1982 founder Adlean Harris began to write a column, "Afro American Roots", for the Chicago Defender. An Index of Headstones in Lincoln Cemetery - Chicago, Illinois was written by Alabama Study Group of the Afro-American Genealogical and Historical Society of Chicago staff in 1999. In 2001, long time AAGHSC member and world renowned genealogist, Tony Burroughs published Black Roots: A Beginners Guide To Tracing The African American Family Tree. The guide outlined how to use oral histories, birth, death, and marriage records to trace family histories. In celebration of its 30th anniversary in 2009, AAGHSC released Heritage Book, which is a collection of biographical sketches, church and family histories, memorials, and oral histories.

AAGHSC began outreach to Chicago's African American communities shortly after founding. In 1981, AAGHSC began to host an annual workshop, open to the public, which focused on research techniques and aimed to teach individuals how to pursue their own genealogical histories. The first fall workshop, "Tracing Black Ancestry in the United States" was held on November 21, 1981 at the DuSable Museum. The Society also hosts programs that encourage children to become familiar with genealogical research, such as the Genealogy for Kids program. To expand members' research opportunities, AAGHSC organized annual trips to research libraries and historical sites around the country. These trips began in 1989, and include visits to archives, museums, and historical sites of African American significance.

AAGHS continues its mission to encourage and promote the study of African American genealogy and history. The organization offers classes, study groups, workshops, conferences, field trips, and meetings. More information may be found on their website www.aaghsc.org/.

Scope and Contents note

Afro-American Genealogical and Historical Society of Chicago Records include materials regarding the formation and activities of the organization, African American genealogy research, and African American history in general. The collection is organized into eight series: “Afro-American Genealogical Historical Society of Chicago Records,” “Events,” “Genealogical Research,” “Funeral Programs,” “Audio Visual Material,” “Scrapbooks,” “Newspaper Clippings,” and “Photographs.” These records will interest researchers in the field of African American family history.

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Related Archival Materials note

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Adlean Harris Papers, Vivian G. Harsh Research Collection of Afro-American History and Literature

Patricia Liddell Researcher Papers, Vivian G. Harsh Research Collection of Afro-American History and Literature

Doris E. Saunders Papers, Vivian G. Harsh Research Collection of Afro-American History and Literature

Lori Husband Papers, Vivian G. Harsh Research Collection of Afro-American History and Literature

Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Chicago, Ill.

Personal Name(s)

- Burroughs, Tony, 1948-
- Harris, Adlean
- Husband, Lori
- Lidell, Patricia
- Saunders, Doris E.
- Wilson, Muriel

Subject(s)

- Afro American Genealogical and Historical Society (Chicago, Ill.)
- Afro American Genealogical and Historical Society (Chicago, Ill.). Annual Family History
- Conference
- Genealogical research.

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Collection Inventory

Series I. Afro-American Genealogical Historical Society of Chicago Records, 1976-2012, undated

Scope and Contents note

This series contains records of the Afro-American Genealogical Historical Society of Chicago's operation. It is divided into two subseries: "Administrative Records" and "Financial Documents."

Subseries 1. Administrative Records, 1976-2012, undated 1976-2012, undated

Scope and Contents note

This subseries consists of administrative records of the Afro-American Genealogical Historical Society of Chicago. It includes the history of the organization, founding documents, meeting notes, correspondence, newsletters, reports, certificates, order forms, committee and membership information, officer notebooks, and Patricia Liddel Researchers Afro-American Genealogical Historical Society of Chicago chapter materials. The subseries is organized alphabetically.

	Box	Folder
AAGHSC organizational history, 1985-1989, undated	1	1
AAGHSC Plan, 1995	1	2
Annual meeting minutes, 1996	1	3
Archives Committee materials, 1987, undated	1	4

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Archives Committee meeting notes, 1990-1991	1	5
Archives Committee members and reports, 1995-2000, undated	1	6
Archives Committee reports, 1989-1992, undated	1	7
Biographical sketches of AAGHSC members and guest speakers, 1987, undated	1	8
Board meeting minutes and notes, 1993-1997	1	9
Board meeting minutes and reports, 1993-1998, undated	1	10
Board of Directors meeting minutes, 1984	1	11
Board of Directors meeting minutes, 1997-1999	1	12
Board of Directors meeting minutes and reports, 1993-2002	1	13
Board of Directors meeting notes, 1993-2001	1	14
Bylaws and governing documents, 1980-1995, undated	1	15
Bylaws and rules, 1995-1997, undated	1	16
Certificates and awards, 1987-1989, undated	1	17

Subseries 1. Administrative Records, 1976-2012, undated

Certificates of Recognition and Appreciation, 1998, 1999	1	18
Change of address form, 1984, undated	1	19
Church collection project forms, 2001, undated	2	1
Church of St. Paul and the Redeemer annual report, 1997	2	2
Committee description mock-ups, 1985	2	3
Committee materials, 1989-1990, undated	2	4
Committee reports and minutes, 1982-1984, undated	2	5
Computer committee, 1999, undated	2	6
Computer class notes by Muriel B. Wilson, 1997	2	7
Conference committee, 1988-2000, undated	2	8
Constitution, 1983-1994	2	9
Constitution and Executive Officer descriptions, 1981-1982, undated	2	10
Contracts, 1987-1988	2	11
Correspondence, 1976-1984	2	12

Subseries 1. Administrative Records, 1976-2012, undated

Correspondence, 1985-1988	2	13
Correspondence, 1988-1998	2	14
Correspondence, undated	2	15
Correspondence, broadcast of music series, 1994	2	16
Correspondence, DuSable Museum, 1980-1988	2	17
Correspondence, facilities, 1997	2	18
Correspondence, Fred Heart Williams Historical Society, 1985-1987	2	19
Correspondence, internal, 2001	2	20
Correspondence, membership, 1987-1988	2	21
Events Committee materials, 1987-1990, undated	2	22
Executive Committee materials, 1989-1991, undated	2	23
Forms and reports, 1985-1987, undated	2	24
Grant proposal, 1997	2	25
Handbook for organization operation, undated	3	1

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Handwritten organization notes, 1983-1996, undated	3	2
Host and hostess meeting schedule, 1983-1984	3	3
Incorporation and governing documents, 1977-1984, undated	3	4
Indexing project proposal, 1999, undated	3	5
Letterhead, undated	3	6
List of AAHGHS chapters, undated	3	7
Logo (AAGHSC), undated	3	8
Logo sketches, undated	3	9
Logo sketches on thin parchment paper, undated	3	10
Meeting agendas, 1984-1985, undated	3	11
Meeting agendas and sign-in sheets, 1999, undated	3	12
Meeting attendance lists, 1986-1987, undated	3	13
Meeting attendance logs 1993-1994	3	14
Meeting attendance logs, 1995-1996	3	15

Subseries 1. Administrative Records, 1976-2012, undated

Meeting attendance records, 1987-1989	3	16
Meeting materials, 1983-1985, undated	3	17
Meeting minutes, Executive Board, 1982-1987	3	18
Meeting minutes, Executive Board, 1988-1991	3	19
Meeting minutes, Executive Board, 1992-1995	3	20
Meeting minutes, Executive Board, 1996, 1999	4	1
Meeting minutes, general, 1979-1982	4	2
Meeting minutes, general, 1983-1986	4	3
Meeting minutes, general 1987-1989	4	4
Meeting minutes, general, 1990-1991	4	5
Meeting minutes, general, 1992-1995	4	6
Meeting minutes, general, 1996-1998, undated	4	7
Meeting minutes, Membership Committee, 1996-1999	4	8
Meeting minutes, notebook (Muriel Wilson), 1980-1981	4	9

Subseries 1. Administrative Records, 1976-2012, undated

Meeting minutes, notebook, 1985-1986	4	10
Meeting notes and handouts, 1980-1981, undated	4	11
Meeting notes, handwritten, 1985, undated	4	12
Meeting notes, Executive Board, 1990-1997	4	13
Meeting notes, Executive Committee, 1990	4	14
Meeting notes, general, 1979-1985	5	1
Meeting notes, general, 1992-2000	5	2
Meeting reminder cards, 1979-1984, undated	5	3
Meeting sign-in sheets, 1982, undated	5	4
Member addresses, undated	5	5
Member directories, 1986-1993	5	6
Member event sign-in lists, 1981-1988, undated	5	7
Member obituaries and eulogies, 1992, 1998	5	8
Membership and attendance lists, 1980-1983, undated	5	9

Subseries 1. Administrative Records, 1976-2012, undated

Membership applicants, undated	5	10
Membership application forms, 1986-1987, undated	5	11
Membership cards and receipts, 1987	5	12
Membership Committee binder, 1 of 3 1997-1998	5	13
Membership Committee binder, 2 of 3, 1997-1998	5	14
Membership Committee binder, 3 of 3, 1997-1998	5	15
Membership Committee materials, 1988-1989, undated	5	16
Membership Committee reports and data, 1993, 1997-1998, undated	5	17
Membership drive, 1986-1990, undated	5	18
Membership handout mock-ups, undated	5	19
Membership list (prospective) of DuSable Museum, 1986	5	20
Membership lists, 1981-1997, undated	5	21
Membership records 1981-1984, undated	6	1
Membership survey, undated	6	2

Memories: A Photo Tribute to Chicago's late Mayor Harold Washington, 1990	6	3
Newsletter, AAGHSC Greater New York chapter, 2001	6	4
Newsletter, AAGHSC New Jersey chapter, 1996	6	5
Newsletter notes and drafts, 1981-1982, undated	6	6
Newsletters, 1981-1985	6	7
Newsletters, 1986-1989	6	8
Newsletters, 1990-1993	6	9
Newsletters, 1994-1997	6	10
Newsletters, 1998-2000	6	11
Newsletters, 2001-2012	6	12
Newsletters, undated	6	13
Newsletters, inserts, 1986-1987	6	14
Newspaper clipping, AAGHSC celebrates 15 years, 1994	6	15

Subseries 1. Administrative Records, 1976-2012, undated

Newspaper clipping, first society president, 1977	6	16
Newspaper clippings about AAGHSC, 1992	6	17
Nominating Committee materials, 1998	7	1
Notebook, 1997-1998	7	2
Notes, 1980-1984, undated	7	3
Notes, Muriel Wilson, 1981-1990, undated	7	4
Objectives and informational sheet, undated	7	5
Officer and committee reports, 1996-1999	7	6
Officer elections, 1989	7	7
Officer nominations and descriptions, 1985, undated	7	8
Officers elected biographies, 1987	7	9
Order forms, 1994, undated	7	10
Outline for policy statements on collection policies of the DuSable Museum, 1986	7	11

Pamphlets, undated	7	12
Papers by members (Authors of these papers include Adlean Harris, Ida Mae Cress, Curtis Brasfield and Muriel Wilson), 1981-1985, undated	7	13
Patricia Liddel Researchers, AAGHSC chapter, materials, 1979-1996	7	14
Patricia Liddel Researchers, AAGHSC chapter, materials undated	7	15
Patricia Liddel Researchers, news journal, 1996	7	16
Permanent Site Committee, 1996, 1999, undated	7	17
Policy and procedures manual of the AAGHSC, 2000, undated	7	18
President’s records binder (Muriel Wilson), 1 of 2, 1981-1987, undated	7	19
President’s records binder (Muriel Wilson), 2 of 2 1981-1987, undated	7	20
“President’s Corner” flier, undated	8	1
President’s (Muriel Wilson) correspondence, 1983-1987	8	2
Press releases, 1989	8	3
Proclamation of Appreciation, undated	8	4

Subseries 1. Administrative Records, 1976-2012, undated

Project notes and forms, 1988-1990, undated	8	5
Promotional Committee, 1992, undated	8	6
Public access television correspondence and notes, 1987, undated	8	7
Publication books list, shipping forms, 1993-1994	8	8
Publication project letter, 1990	8	9
Publishing Committee, 1999, undated	8	10
Radio program outline, 1999, undated	8	11
Research and training materials, undated	8	12
Research request forms, undated	8	13
Resume, Tony Burroughs, 1996	8	14
Sign-up sheet, blank, undated	8	15
Special events committee materials, 1986-1987, undated	8	16
Standing Committee and committee lists, 1999, undated	8	17
Standing Committee roster, 1985, undated	8	18

Training and Research Committee minutes, 1989	8	19
United States Postal Service change of address forms, 1988	8	20
Vice President's records (Jamie L Harris) binder, 1 of 2, 1998-1999, undated	8	21
Vice President's records (Jamie L Harris) binder, 2 of 2, 1998-1999, undated	8	22

Subseries 2. Financial Documents, 1981-2011, undated

Scope and Contents note

This subseries includes financial documents of the Afro-American Historical Society of Chicago. It consists of tax information, registers, financial statements, reports, financial reviews and summaries, inventory sales, disbursement forms, receipts, internal audit reports and surveys, and records kept by the treasurer. It is organized chronologically.

	Box	Folder
Tax accountant earnings and rules 1981, undated	9	1
Treasury balance register, 1982-1983	9	2
Financial statements, 1982, undated	9	3
Budget reports, 1983-1985	9	4

Subseries 2. Financial Documents,

Treasurer’s reports, 1983-2001	9	5
Balance sheets, 1984-2000	9	6
Financial statements, 1985-1987	9	7
Financial statements, 1988-1989, undated	9	8
Financial reviews, 1990-1995	9	9
Fiscal year summaries, 1991-1995	9	10
Quarterly treasurer reports, 1992-1995	9	11
Yearly treasurer reports, 1992-1997	9	12
Financial report, 1993	9	13
Budget summaries, 1993-1995	9	14
Financial statements and reports, 1994-1999	9	15
Budget reports, 1994-2000	9	16
Product inventory and sales report, 1995	9	17
Receipt and disbursement list, 1995	9	18

Subseries 2. Financial Documents,

Internal audit survey, 1996	9	19
Financial/audit reports, 1996-2001, undated	9	20
Bank statements, 1997-2011	9	21
Ledger and budget, 1997-1998	9	22
Treasurer’s reference materials, 1997-1999, undated	9	23
Membership receipts, 1998	9	24
General Journal, 1998	9	25
General Ledger, 1998	10	1
Financial statements and reports, 1998-1999	10	2
Treasurer’s binder, 1 of 3, 1998-2001, undated	10	3
Treasurer’s binder, 2 of 3, 1998-2001, undated	10	4
Treasurer’s binder, 3 of 3 1998-2001, undated	10	5
Disbursement request forms, 1998, undated	10	6
Budget report, 1999	10	7

Subseries 2. Financial Documents,

Deposit slips and return checks, 1999	10	8
Financial statements and reports, 1 of 2, 1999	10	9
Financial statements and reports, 2 of 3 1999	10	10
Financial statements and reports, 3 of 3, 1999	11	1
General Journal, 1999	11	2
General Ledger, 1999	11	3
Internal Audit for 1998, 1999	11	4
Income statements, 1999-2000	11	5
Conference cash flow, 2000	11	6
Deposit slips and return checks, 2000	11	7
Financial statements and reports, 1 of 3, 2000	11	8
Financial statements and reports, 2 of 3 2000	11	9
Financial statements and reports, 3 of 3, 2000	12	1
General Journal, 2000	12	2

Subseries 2. Financial Documents,

General Journal, 2000	12	3
Returned check correspondence, 2000	12	4
Sales tax exemption forms, 2000	12	5
Budget report, 2001	12	6
Financial statements and reports, 1 of 4, 2001	12	7
Financial statements and reports, 2 of 4, 2001	12	8
Financial statements and reports, 3 of 4, 2001	12	9
Financial statements and reports, 4 of 4, 2001	12	10
Financial reports and statements, January-March, 1 of 4, 2010	13	1
Financial reports and statements, April-June, 2 of 4, 2010	13	2
Financial reports and statements, July-September, 3 of 4, 2010	13	3
Financial reports and statements, October-December, 4 of 4, 2010	13	4
Reconciliations and reports, 2010	13	5
Disbursements, 2011	13	6

Financial reports and statements, 1 of 4, 2011	13A	1
Financial reports and statements, 2 of 4, 2011	13A	2
Financial reports and statements, 3 of 4, 2011	13A	3
Financial reports and statements, 4 of 4, 2011	13A	4
Reconciliations and reports, 2011	13A	5

Series II. Events, 1947-2012, undated

Scope and Contents note

"Events" documents the programming and activities of the organization. This series consists of three subseries: "Annual Conferences," "Genealogical Workshops and Training," and "Chicago Related History Celebrations and Events."

Subseries 1. Annual Conferences, 1981-2012, undated

Scope and Contents note

This subseries includes materials related to conferences hosted by Afro-American Genealogical Historical Society of Chicago. The organization began hosting an annual conference in 1981 as an event for family researchers to learn about how best to conduct research and to share their findings. The records in this subseries consist of newspaper clippings, planning documents, speakers' notes, exhibit materials and records, programs, Gorham United Methodist Church programs, registration forms, and book orders. The contents are organized chronologically.

	Box	Folder

Subseries 1. Annual Conferences,

Fall conference/workshop materials, 1981	14	1
Fall conference/workshop newspaper clipping, 1981	14	2
Conference exhibit, Bruce family tree, 1982	14	3
Fall conference/workshop program, 1982	14	4
Event correspondence, 1983	14	5
Fall conference/workshop program, 1983	14	6
Spring conference exhibit forms, 1984	14	7
Church of the Good Shepherd program, 1985	14	8
Gorham United Methodist Church programs belonging to Thelma Wheaton (AAGHSC member), 1986-1987	14	9
Gorham United Methodist Church programs belonging to Thelma Wheaton (AAGHSC member), 1993	14	10
Twelfth Annual Family History Conference planning materials, 1993-1994	14	11
Twelfth Annual Family History Conference newspaper clippings, 1994	14	12
Twelfth Annual Family History Conference materials, 1994	14	13

Subseries 1. Annual Conferences,

Eleventh Annual Family History Conference news clipping, 1995	14	14
Thirteenth Annual Family History Conference materials, 1995	14	15
Fourteenth Annual Family History Conference materials 1996	14	16
Family History Conference of the AAGHSC book order form, 1996	14	17
Fifteenth Annual Family History Conference materials, 1997	14	18
Fifteenth Annual Family History Conference newspaper clipping, 1997	14	19
Sixteenth Annual Family History Conference materials, 1998	14	20
Seventeenth Annual Family History Conference materials, 1999	15	1
Eighteenth Annual Family History Conference, 2000	15	2
Conference registration forms, 2005	15	3
Twenty-Fourth through Twenty-Ninth Annual Family History Conference materials, 2006-2010	15	4
Twenty-Ninth Annual Family History Conference program, 2011	15	5
Thirtieth Annual Family History Conference program, 2012	15	6

Conference registration roster, undated	15	7

Subseries 2. Genealogical Workshops and Training, 1981-1999, undated

Scope and Contents note

Afro-American Genealogical Historical Society of Chicago hosted an annual family history workshop in 1981in conjunction with the family history conference. In 1982 the organization began holding annual fall workshops as well as smaller workshops throughout the years. The materials in this subseries consist of programs, fliers, notes, correspondence, and speaker information. The series is arranged chronologically.

	Box	Folder
February workshop, 1981	16	1
Illinois State Genealogical Society Annual Conference, 1982	16	2
Workshops, 1982-1991, undated	16	3
February workshop programs, 1983	16	4
Workshop thank you correspondence, 1983	16	5
Mini-workshop materials, 1983	16	6
Genealogical workshops, 1983-1990, undated	16	7
February workshop, 1984	16	8

Subseries 2. Genealogical Workshops and Training,

Genealogy beginner’s class materials, 1984, undated	16	9
Federal Archives presentation materials, 1984, undated	16	10
February workshop, 1985, undated	16	11
Fall workshop, 1985, undated	16	12
February workshop, 1986	16	13
Fall workshop, 1986	16	14
Event fliers, 1986-1987	16	15
February workshop, 1987	16	16
Fall workshop, 1987	16	17
Muriel Johnson’s workshop folder, 1987, undated	16	18
February workshop, 1988	16	19
Fall workshop, 1988	16	20
Workshops, 1988	16	21
February workshop, 1989	16	22

Subseries 2. Genealogical Workshops and Training,

Correspondence, workshop speakers, 1989	16	23
Fall workshop, 1989	16	24
Workshops and exhibits, 1989-1991, undated	16	25
African American Family History Seminar flier, 1990	16	26
Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History Annual Meeting materials, 1990	16	27
February workshop, 1990	16	28
February workshop, 1990, undated	16	29
Workshop participant folder, 1990	16	30
February workshop, 1991	17	1
Tony Burroughs lecture at Newberry Library, 1991	17	2
“Advanced Problem Solving,” 1991, undated	17	3
“A Day with Dorothy Redford” workshop program, 1992	17	4
Exhibit for workshop, 1992	17	5

“Focus on Artifacts for Family Genealogy” workshop, 1995	17	6
Workshop: “Exploring the 20th Century Censuses,” 1999	17	7

Subseries 3. Chicago Related History Celebrations and Events, 1947-2000, undated

Scope and Contents note

This subseries includes materials about Chicago historical celebrations and events of which Afro-American Genealogical Historical Society of Chicago members participated. A bulk of the materials in this subseries relates to The Historical Federation for the Chicago Sesquicentennial. The organization organized events for the 1987 Chicago Sesquicentennial. The organization’s primary functions were to research the historical involvement of African Americans in Chicago history and coordinate the activities of groups interested in participating in the Chicago Sesquicentennial. Documents in this subseries include programs, invitations, notes, agendas, calendars, and pamphlets. Materials are organized chronologically.

	Box	Folder
Alpha Phi Alpha Regional Conference program, 1947	17	8
Chicago Historical events, 1963-1996	17	9
Joint Negro Appeal 15th Annual Dinner program, 1971	17	10
Elmer L. Fowler’s Historical Gallery program, 1979	17	11
Genealogical Society seminars and trips, 1979, 1987	17	12
Church event programs, 1980-1993	17	13

Subseries 3. Chicago Related History Celebrations and Events,

Chicago Umbrian Glee Club invitation, 1981	17	14
Conference and lecture programs, 1987-1999, undated	17	15
Hartford Conference publications, 1983	17	16
Chicago Public Library event programs, 1983-1991, undated	17	17
Black History Month events, 1983-2001	17	18
Chicago Public Schools event programs, 1984	17	19
National Archives event programs, 1984-1999	17	20
Church of the Good Shepherd program, 1985	17	21
Illinois State Genealogical Society Fall Conference program, 1986	17	22
The History of Black Churches in Chicago Symposium, 1986-1987	17	23
United States Bicentennial correspondence, 1986-1987, undated	17	24
Chicago Sesquicentennial notes and correspondence, 1986-1987, undated	17	25
Chicago and Northern District Association of Club Women, Inc. agenda, 1987	17	26

The Chicago Sesquicentennial, The History of Black Churches in Chicago event flier, 1987	17	27
The Historical Federation for the Chicago Sesquicentennial, 1987	17	28
The Historical Federation for the Chicago Sesquicentennial meeting notes, 1987	17	29
Letter of Appreciation, Sesquicentennial, 1987	17	30
Historical Federation for the Chicago Sesquicentennial events, 1987	17	31
Chicago Sesquicentennial Certificate of Appreciation mock-up, 1987	17	32
Thelma Wheaton’s Lyric Opera of Chicago stage-bill, 1987	18	1
Black Literary Umbrella correspondence, 1987, undated	18	2
Chicago Sesquicentennial year events, 1987, undated	18	3
Historical Federation for the Chicago Sesquicentennial Symposium, 1987, undated	18	4
Chicago events and activities calendars and pamphlets, 1987, undated	18	5
Newspaper clippings on Chicago events, 1987, undated	18	6
Chicago Sesquicentennial note, circa 1987	18	7

Subseries 3. Chicago Related History Celebrations and Events,

Historical Federation for the Chicago Sesquicentennial correspondence, 1988	18	8
Tenth Anniversary Dinner planning notes, 1989, undated	18	9
Events, materials, 1989	18	10
Federation of Genealogical Societies conference registrants list and brochure, 1991	18	11
Federation of Genealogical Societies conference syllabus, 1991	18	12
Federation of Genealogical Societies conference program, 1991	18	13
Ancestral Reflections exhibit, 1992	18	14
“Freedom Bags” materials, 1992	18	15
Parliamentary Procedures workshop flier, 1995	18	16
Chicago Historical Society’s Douglas-Grand Boulevard exhibit, 1995	18	17
Black Metropolis Convention and Tourism Council agenda, 1997	18	18
Black Military event programs, 1997-2001	18	19
Baby announcements, 1998	18	20

Fort Wayne Trip information packet, 1999	18	21
UniverSoul Circus program, 2000	18	22
The Links, Incorporated anniversary invitation, 2000	18	23
AAGHSC attends Loyola Corporate Grant-making Dialogue, 2000, undated	18	24
List of door prizes, undated	18	25
Lovejoy Homestead program, undated	18	26

Series III. Genealogical Research, circa 1920s, 1973-2012, undated

Scope and Contents note

"Genealogical Research" includes resources to assist family history researchers. These resources include publications by the Newberry Library, Illinois Historical Society, and other family history organizations. This series includes cemetery guides, marriage records, family history reference books, calendars, subject histories, bulletins, brochures, organizations' meeting notes, and newsletters. The newsletters are primarily Chicago based, with some from Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee. The series is organized alphabetically.

	Box	Folder
Afro-American Family History at the Newberry Library, 1988	19	1
"Afro-American Roots" by Addie Harris, 1982-1983, undated	19	2

Against the Tide by Eduardo Camacho and Ben Jorausky, 1989	19	3
Allen County Public Library Genealogy Department resources, 1983-1992	19	4
American Visions, 1992	19	5
The Art of Archibald J. Motley, Jr. pamphlet, circa 1991	19	6
Articles about historical marker for Whittaker Memorial Cemetery, 1996	19	7
The Black Experience: A Guide to Afro-American Resources in the Florida State Archives, 1988	19	8
Black History calendars, 1988-1989, 2001	19	9
Bronzeville Center planning meeting notes, 1997	19	10
Bury Me in a Free Land: The Abolitionist Movement in Indiana, 1816-1865 exhibit catalog, 1986	19	11
Case Studies in Afro-American Genealogy (Newberry Library), 1989	19	12
Cemeteries, A Transcription of Wunders Cemetery: Chicago, Illinois, 1985	19	13
Cemeteries, general research, 1985-1998, undated	19	14
Cemeteries, Lincoln Cemetery notebook, 1995	19	15

Cemeteries, Lincoln Cemetery research, 1998, undated	19	16
Cemeteries, Oak Woods Cemetery Association, 1988	19	17
Cemeteries, The History of the Funeral Service Industry and Cemeteries in Chicago, 1986	19	18
Church and school research project forms, 1989-1990	19	19
Cultural Facilities Planning Charrette[?] notes, 1997	19	20
Ebony, “Tracing a Family Tree” article, 1977	19	21
The Forgotten Heroes of the Montgomery Bus Boycott by Vernon Jarrett, 1975	20	1
Federation of Genealogical Societies correspondence, 1987-1988	20	2
Genealogy class by Tony Burroughs, 1997	20	3
Haitian-American Community Association bulletin, 1988	20	4
Haitian-American Community Association correspondence, 1988	20	5
Historical organizations’ publications, 1990-1994, undated	20	6
Illinois, Chicago and Illinois history brochures, undated	20	7

Illinois, Chicago oral history sources, 1991	20	8
Illinois, Chicago Tribune Magazine, 2000	20	9
Illinois, Historic Illinois, 1986, 2000	20	10
Illinois, Illinois Historical Journal, 1991	20	11
Illinois, Illinois Historical Journal, 1992-1993	20	12
Illinois, Illinois History excerpt, 2001	20	13
Illinois, Illinois State Genealogical Society publications, 1980-1988	20	14
Illinois, Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterly, 1991, 1993	20	15
Illinois, Illinois State Genealogical Society, reports of Corresponding Secretary 1991	20	16
Illinois, Illinois State Historical Library genealogical research procedures and sources undated	20	17
Illinois, Index to Chicago History, 1981	20	18
Illinois, marriage records, 1821-1900 non-Cook County, 1992	20	19
Illinois, marriage records, pre-1900 (microfiche), 1986	21	1

Illinois, marriage records, updated (microfiche), 1991	21	2
Illinois, State of Illinois Proclamation, Black History Month, 1982	21	3
International Black Genealogy Summit (First) program, 2009	21	4
International Black Genealogy Summit (Second) program, 2012	21	5
Membership form, International Society of Sons and Daughters of Slave Ancestry, 1997	21	6
My Life with the Black Panther Party by Akua Njeri, 1991	21	7
Newsletters, Black News Network, 2004-2005	21	8
Newsletters, Chicago Urban Times, 1994	21	9
Newsletters, Dispatch, 1991, 1993	21	10
Newsletters, DuSable Museum, 1983	21	11
Newsletters, Federation of Genealogical Societies, 1985-1988	21	12
Newsletters, Frameworks, 1999-2005	21	13
Newsletters, genealogical, 1982-2002, undated	21	14

Newsletters, Kith and Kin, edited by Doris Saunders, 1983-1987	21	15
Newsletters, non-genealogical, 1987	21	16
Obituary, James Dent Walker, written by Tony Burroughs, 1993	21	17
Pathfinders Genealogy of the Chicago Public Library brochure, undated	21	18
The Pilgrim Informer bulletin, 1988	21	19
Records of the Field Offices: Preliminary Inventory, Part 1, 1973	21	20
Records of the Field Offices: Preliminary Inventory, Part 2, 1973	21	21
Records of the Field Offices: Preliminary Inventory, Part 3, 1974	21	22
Reference, articles written by AAGHSC members, 1984, undated	22	1
Reference, Beginner’s Genealogy class material, 1980-1987, undated	22	2
Reference, bibliographical and resource lists, 1981-1994, undated	22	3
Reference, book list of Chicago authors, undated	22	4
Reference, booklets, 1975-1986, undated	22	5

Reference, Clemente McConico Skinner biographic note and resume, 1986, undated	22	6
Reference, Computer Genealogy, undated	22	7
Reference, directory of reunion friendly properties, 1995	22	8
Reference, Empak's 1992 Black History Catalog, 1992	22	9
Reference, fliers and news releases, 1986-1989, undated	22	10
Reference, funeral customs, 2003, undated	22	11
Reference, genealogical catalogs, 1978-1989, undated	22	12
Reference, genealogical publications, 1983-1993, undated	22	13
Reference, genealogical research forms, undated	22	14
Reference, genealogical research guides, 1976-1996, undated	22	15
Reference, Genealogical Research Institution brochures, 1977-1989	23	1
Reference, genealogical resources in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee, 1982, 1984	23	2
Reference, genetic counseling information, 1994	23	3

Reference, handwritten genealogy notes, 1978-1979, undated	23	4
Reference, historical society brochures 1985, undated	23	5
Reference, Illinois history, 1977-1998, undated	23	6
Reference, lists of Illinois counties and municipalities, 1977, undated	23	7
Reference, National Genealogical Society's genealogical projects registry, 1991	23	8
Reference, Newberry Library notes and handouts, 1985, undated	23	9
Reference, notes on genealogical research sources, 1982, undated	23	10
Reference, Official Texas Historical Markers, 1994	23	11
Reference, pedigree and lineage charts, blank with instructions, undated	23	12
References, Resources, 1984-1996, undated	23	13
Reference, self-publishing information, 1988, undated	23	14
Reference, Surname Directory, 1992	23	15
Reference, television station contact information, undated	23	16

Reference, The Avalon Library African-American Genealogical Collection list, undated	23	17
Reference, The Board for Certification of Genealogists, undated	23	18
Research, Alabama Study Group, 2000	23	19
Research, correspondence regarding an individual's genealogy, 1986, undated	23	20
Research, Chicago World War I Draftees: Districts 3, 4, 5, and 70, 1990	23	21
Research, Ernest A. Griffin, 1994-1995, undated	23	22
Research, family research project findings, 1996, undated	23	23
Research, military genealogical, 1990, undated	23	24
Research, "Preliminary Inventory of the Records of the Bureau of Refugees", 1987	23	25
Research, slave ancestry, 1996, 1998, undated	23	26
Research, Southern Research Report, 1990-1991	23	27
Research, specific family histories, undated	23	28
Searching and Celebrating the Afro-American Family pamphlet, 1989	24	1

The Social and Economic Status of the Black Population, 1790-1978 1980	24	2
Stephen A. Douglas Association mailing, 1994	24	3
Virginia: 1993 Travel Guide, 1993	24	4
Williams' Colored Singers program, circa 1920s	24	5

Series IV. Funeral Programs, 1974-2005

Scope and Contents note

This series consists of funeral programs of Afro-American Genealogical Historical Society of Chicago members, friends, and family members. It is organized alphabetically by last name.

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Allen, Susie Mae, 2004	25	2
Andrews III, James Thomas, 1994	25	3
Atlas, Fred, 2002	25	4
Avery, James Monroe, 1992	25	5
Banks, Jr., Frank, 2002	25	6

Bosan, Jr., Burton “Daddy Bo” Harold, 1988	25	7
Bosan, Evelyn Maxine, 1995	25	8
Bozeman, Thelma Inez, 1989	25	9
Brown, Della M., 1992	25	10
Brown, Geneva Thurman, 2002	25	11
Brumfield, Marshall; Ebelinia; and Marsha, 1993	25	12
Bryant, Dorothy T., 1989	25	13
Bulie, David L., 1999	25	14
Bully, Jonnie “Toy”, 1996	25	15
Bumphus, James E., 2004	25	16
Burke, Dr. Emmett Charles, 1994	25	17
Burnett, Azalee Jackson, 1995	25	18
Bush, Albert Rogers, 1992	25	19
Butler, Sr., Carl W., 2002	25	20

Carrington, Lavon Toussaint, 1989	25	21
Chavis, Marie Elizabeth, 1990	25	22
Childs, Sr., James “Jack” Merle, 1999	25	23
Christian, Charnell Marlene, 1997	25	24
Clay, Sr., Dr. Willie B., 1987	25	25
Cole, Baker T., 1995	25	26
Collins, Sr., Argia B., 2003	25	27
Cooper, Exoney H., 1993	25	28
Cosey, Emmett John, 1990	25	29
Crowder, Eliza E., 1990	25	30
Davenport, Freddie Mae Ellis Butts, 1990	25	31
Driver-McCormick, Anna Elizabeth, 2003	25	32
Dumas, Dr. E. Albert, 1995	25	33
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Elder, Allie Mae, 1989	25	35
Elder, Michael James, 1994	25	36
Elliott, Rosetta Duncan, 1985	25	37
Farmer, Charles E., 1991	25	38
Ferguson, Bessie Eola, 1993	25	39
Fletcher, E. Toy, 1990	25	40
Fletcher, Jeff David, 1999	25	41
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Garrett, Virginia Elizabeth, 1984	25	46
Gilmore, Rose Hildred, 1974	25	47
Gordon, Gwendolyn Alston, 1996	25	48

Hannah-Davis, Jacqueline L., 2004	25	49
Harrell, Allison David, 1994	25	50
Henderson, Herschel, 1977	25	51
Henderson-Lewis, Cary Michelle, 1999	25	52
Hennessy, Edward R., 1993	25	53
Hicks, Lacy Charles, 1988	25	54
Hodges, Sr., Eddie L., 1985	25	55
Hodges, Leroy, 1985	25	56
Hodges, Woodrow “Woodie” Wilson, 1990	25	57
Holland, Minnie A., 1995	25	58
Howard, Ersula Thigpen, 1996	25	59
Huggins, Hazel Renfoe, 2005	25	60
Jackson, Viola Ozelle, 1991	25	61
Jett, Josephine A., 1994	25	62

Johnson, DeNona Belle Roberts, 2001	25	63
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Johnson, Irma Kingsley, 1991	25	65
Johnson, Peniva, 1990	25	66
Jones, Jr., Sidney A. Jones, 1993	25	67
Laws, Narisisa 1985	25	68
Lewis, Katherine L., 1986	25	69
Long, Alma Marie Broome, 1987	25	70
Malory, Mercedes B., 2005	25	71
Malone, Edison Haywood, 1978	25	72
Mayo, Janice Kathleen, 1991	25	73
Means, John William, 1995	25	74
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Mitchell, Eleanor Edith Spooner, 1993	25	76

Montgomery, Annie Lena, 1992	25	77
Murphy, Jr., Lucius H., 2003	25	78
Nash, Lorraine, 1995	25	79
Owens, Martha Ann, 1986	25	80
Parrish, Flora Dawson, 1988	25	81
Parrish, Gloria J., 1983	25	82
Porter, Rebecca Henderson, 1995	25	83
Ragan, Robertis, 1974	25	84
Reed, Gladys Lee, 1996	25	85
Rogers, Lila M., 1986	25	86
Roseman, Dr. Tena M., 1982	25	87
Rush, Albert Rogers, 1992	25	88
Sadberry, David C. and Pazetta Young, 1984, 1985	25	89
Seaborn, Robert “Rip”, 1996	25	90

Scott, Thelma M., 1982	25	91
Simms, Leland Benjamin 1997	25	92
Skyles, Soubretta B., 2004	25	93
Smith, Charles Osmond, 2003	25	94
Smith, Sr., Norwood, 1996	25	95
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Series V. Audio-visual Material, 1982-2003, undated

Scope and Contents note

The Audio-visual series includes five audiocassettes and four videocassettes. The audiocassette and videotapes document Afro-American Genealogical Historical Society of Chicago events and member interviews. The series is organized alphabetically.

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Audiocassette, Dr. Clementine McConico Skinner: “Reminiscences of Chicago,” 1988	26
Audiocassette, “Freedom Bags” interview of Tony Burroughs, 1992	26
Audiocassette, “Musical introduction of R.B. Parker,” undated	26
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Videocassette, “Alfreda M. Duster Club,” 1984	26
Videocassette, “CAN TV,” 2003	26
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Videocassette, “CAN TV: Tony Burroughs Guest of AAGHSC” in September, 2003	26

Series VI. Scrapbooks, 1986-1987, undated

Scope and Contents note

Six scrapbooks created by Thelma Wheaton, the program chair of the planning committee for AAGHSC, are included in this series. Volume 1 of the scrapbooks was created for the Historical Federation for the Chicago Sesquicentennial in 1986. These scrapbooks are a compilation of documents, programs, photographs, and newspaper clippings. The scrapbooks are organized chronologically by volume number.

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Scrapbook, “Volume 1: T. K. Wheaton,” 1986-1987	27
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Scrapbook, “Volume 6: T. K. Wheaton,” 1987, undated	28

Series VII. Newspaper Clippings, 1880, 1957-2006

Scope and Contents note

This series contains the newspaper clippings of the collection. The newspaper clippings include a collection of Greene County Democrat newspapers from 2002-2006. Greene County is located in Alabama and the newspapers discuss local history and events, the series is listed alphabetically.

	Box	Folder
Harper’s Weekly clipping, 1880	29	1
Newspaper clippings, 1957-1979, undated	29	2
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Newspaper clippings, 1980-1989	29	4
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Newspaper clippings, 1997-2001	29	6
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Newspaper clippings, obituaries, 2000-2005, undated	29	8
Newspapers, Green County Democrat, 2002-2003	30	1

Newspapers, Green County Democrat, 2004	31	1
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Newspapers, Green County Democrat, 2006	33	1

Series VIII. Photographs, circa 1895-1931, 1986-1994, undated

Scope and Contents note

This series contains 239 photographs, largely depicting Afro-American Genealogical Historical Society of Chicago events including field trips, conferences, and workshops. A small number of photographs document individuals' family history. Also included are two photograph albums covering the organization's conferences and events. This subseries is organized alphabetically then numerically.

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Photograph album, AAGHSC conference and events, 1987-1999	34
Photograph album, AAGHSC conference and events, 1989-1990	35
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